

## BRIDGE ACROSS THE ARKANSAS RIVER, ARK.

FEBRUARY 17 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 21), 1925.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. SHEPPARD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 4284]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4284) granting the consent of Congress to the Yell and Pope County bridge district, Dardanelle and Russellville, Ark., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Arkansas River, at or near the city of Dardanelle, Yell County, Ark., have considered the same and report thereon with amendments, and as so amended recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill thus amended has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communications; the amendments referred to therein having been incorporated in the bill as reported.

In line 9, after the word "Arkansas," insert a comma in place of the period and add the following: "and in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled 'An act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters,' approved March 23, 1906."

"SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved."

[Second indorsement]

WAR DEPARTMENT, February 17, 1925.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, S. 4284, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, "Granting the consent of Congress to the Yell and Pope County bridge district, Dardanelle and Russellville, Ark., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Arkansas River at or near the city of Dardanelle, Yell County, Ark.," if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Arkansas River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, February 18, 1925.

Hon. WESLEY L. JONES,  
*Chairman Committee on Commerce,  
United States Senate.*

DEAR SENATOR JONES: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 12 transmitting a copy of the bill S. 4284 with the request that the committee be furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would grant the consent of Congress to the Yell and Pope County bridge district of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Arkansas River at or near the city of Dardanelle and between said city and Russellville, Ark. The site of the proposed bridge is on a route embraced in the system of Federal-aid highways approved for Arkansas. This department is advised that a bill is pending in the Arkansas Legislature to provide for the construction of the proposed bridge as a free bridge, subject to an election which will be held thereon if such bill should be enacted into law. There seems to be no objection to favorable action on the bill from the standpoint of this department.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

